

REMARKS

This is in response to the Advisory Action mailed on April 13, 2004, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 4-13, 20 and 24-31 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. As a result, claims 18, 19, and 21-23 are now pending in this application.

A telephone interview with the Examiner was conducted at the end of April 2004 discussing a possible Examiner's amendment. Applicant thanks the Examiner for her time. It was decided that instead, Applicant would submit the present written supplementary amendment.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 18, 19, and 21-23 were indicated as in condition for allowance. Applicant has canceled the remaining claims, and reserves the right to introduce the canceled claims in a continuation or divisional application. Applicant acknowledges and thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowability.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6944 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

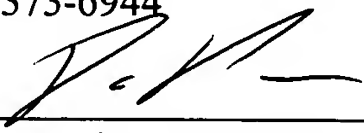
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